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Application No.

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Applicant(s)

BANTZ ET AL.

Examiner

Art Unit

George C. Neurauter, Jr.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 20 March 2008.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4,13-15,17,18,21-23,27,29,34 and 35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/George C. Neurauter, Jr./
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2143

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David O'Neill on 3 July 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims are to read as follows:

1. A method for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, comprising steps of:
 - establishing a set of attributes of a service provision;
 - receiving selections from said set of attributes, the selections defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider, wherein the SLA comprises a plurality of constraints;
 - provisioning a service for at least one client computer of the customer in accordance with constraints imposed by the SLA by allocating at least some required data processing resources for the service to at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for use; and

re-provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some of the required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

2. A method as in claim 1, and wherein the step of re-provisioning the customer is accomplished in response to a change in the SLA.

3. A method as in claim 1, and wherein the step of re-provisioning the customer is accomplished in response to at least one customer service-related criterion.

4. A method as in claim 1, and wherein the step of re-provisioning the customer is accomplished in response to at least one service provider criterion.

5-12. (Cancelled)

13. A method as in claim 1, wherein said attributes comprise a cost attribute.

14. A method as in claim 1, wherein said attributes comprise an interactivity attribute.

15. A method as in claim 1, wherein said attributes comprise an availability attribute.

16. (Cancelled)

17. A method as in claim 1, wherein the service provider is a virtual service provider.

18. A method as in claim 1, wherein the service provider is a value-added services provider.

19-20. (Cancelled)

21. A method as in claim 1, and wherein the step of re-provisioning the customer is accomplished in response to a change in at least one of data processing resource utilization, a change in predicted or actual data processing resource availability, or a failure of a data processing resource.

22. A method as in claim 1, and further comprising a step of re- provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, in response to a change in predicted or actual data processing resource availability.

23. A method as in claim 1, and further comprising a step of re- provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, in response to a failure of a data processing resource.

24-26. (Cancelled)

27. A data processing system for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, said service provider and said customer being coupled together through a communication network, said system comprising:

a system management server for establishing a set of attributes of a service provision; and

a customer interface for selecting from said set of attributes for defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider,

said system management server being responsive to said SLA for provisioning at least one client computer of the customer in accordance with constraints imposed by the SLA by allocating at least some required data processing resources for a service to

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at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for use; and

re-provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some of the required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

28. (Cancelled)

29. A system as in claim 27, wherein said attributes comprise at least one of a cost attribute, an interactivity attribute, and an availability attribute.

30-33. (Cancelled)

34. A system as in claim 27, wherein the customer is re-provisioned in response to a change in at least one of data processing resource utilization, a change in predicted or actual data processing resource availability, or a failure of a data processing resource.

35. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for service provisioning a customer with at least one software application from a service provider, said program comprising:

first executable code for establishing a set of attributes of a service provision;

second executable code for providing the set of attributes to a customer through a graphical user interface and for receiving selections from said set of attributes entered using the graphical user interface, the selections defining a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the service provider, wherein the SLA comprises a plurality of constraints;

third executable code for provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by allocating at least some required data processing resources for a service to at least one of the service provider, the customer, to another service provider, or to a data processing site that offers data processing capacity for use; and

fourth executable code for re-provisioning the customer, within the constraints imposed by the SLA, by re-allocating at least some required data processing resources for the service to the resources of the customer.

36-40. (Cancelled)

Drawings

New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the originally submitted drawings are handwritten and are informal. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4, 13-15, 17-18, 21-23, 27, 29, and 34-35 are allowed in view of the Applicant's arguments, the cited prior art of record, and the prosecution history of the instant application.

The independent claims recite the step of re-provisioning a customer by reallocating the customer's resources to the service that is being rendered to the

customer which, in addition to the rest of the claim limitations, are distinguished from the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George C. Neurauter, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-3918. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9am-5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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